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EXIT LEGISLATURE.

The record has been made and the makers of that record have returned to the homes of the "dear people." Much time was wasted in the beginning of the session and there was much hurry at its close.

Many things, in our opinion, were done which should not have been done and many left undone which should have been done.

Judge Crump was handled with kid gloves, and Dr. Kent was continued a member of the Board of Education in face of the protests of the entire state. Fake clubs were encouraged, dispensaries authorized and more money promised than Virginia can raise. Five unnecessary courts were established. Nothing of practical value was done for the public roads and we don't know that there will be another high school in the Commonwealth.

Institutions for higher education were liberally dealt with. The Jamestown Exposition was properly provided for and the incoming legislators were handsomely remembered. To keep out of future legislatures agents and advocates of corporations is pre-eminently wise, but how are you going to spot them?

That they know their constituents as well as the ass does his owner's crib, no man doubts, but they are "slick as ducks" and hard to trap. The number of private bills is simply appalling and we still think they should be found in separate volumes and paid for by the beneficiaries.

The people have two years in which to decide upon the men who will represent them in the next legislature. They ought not to make mistakes.

Punish the humble and let the high-born go free tends to produce lawlessness pure and simple.

"Stone the woman and let the man go free" is human, "Go in peace and sin no more" is God like.

The bottom is dropping out of Chicago, and there are some people who are satisfied that it is but a short trip from the bottomless town to the "bottomless pit."

What's the matter with wheat? Are the "bears" getting ready to make the farmers take less than a dollar a bushel? Wheat at a dollar a bushel and eggs cant each strikes us as normal prices.

Roosevelt and Tillman have given their banners to the breeze and are not disposed to "give quarters." No "show on the road" compares in drawing force with this latest combination of strenuosities. They have the undisputed right of way. "Let the band play."

And now Mississippi has been swept by a cyclone leaving death and destruction in its track. Happy the people who live in Southside Virginia, where extremes never meet and the forces of nature never grow wild. "Our lives have fallen unto us in pleasant places and ours is a goodly heritage."

"History needs to be rewritten because it is always written wrong." So says a recent writer, and surely the statement is a startling one. What are we to believe if history is all wrong? There is but one safe retreat and that is to "believe nothing we hear and half we see." A world of doubters is almost as taxing as a world of grafters.

"Education without sound moral character is a much greater menace than ignorance with moral character."—Evening Journal

And there's where the rub for much of the post bellum varsity of education has no connection with "sound moral character." We are perfectly satisfied that the best educated negro in America is the most dangerous negro in America. If cornered we can give name and reasons.

"I want no monument of stone," he said, "but let my children plant at the head of my grave a pecan tree, and at the foot of my grave a walnut tree, and when these trees shall bear, let the pecans and the walnuts be given out among the plain people of Texas, so that they may plant them and make Texas a land of trees."

This was the dying request of the late Ex. Governor Hogg of Texas. Now let the children honor father's wishes, and he being dead will yet speak practically to the citizens of the great state who delighted so to honor him while he lived.

Members of our boards should be selected on account of fitness and not on account of active partisanship

We would again remind the authorities of the Jamestown Exposition that the year 1906 is rapidly slipping away.

Governor Foss actually suggests the doing away with taxes on personal property, and for the good reason to keep people from lying.

These modern-day Democrats can't even work harmoniously together in charge of institutions for the care of the insane—, while in Congress they waste their strength in fighting each other.

Giles Jackson went for those "Boston" negroes in fine style. He is a better citizen than the most stuck up of the gang and is trying to uplift his race, while they would hasten their ruin.

Hon. Burnett Gordon, the new Judge of the New 28th District, who will sit over the Courts of Buckingham, Fluvanna, Amherst and Nelson, is a strong man intellectually, fair and just in all his dealings, and with all he is on whose hands have never been soiled with shady politics. He is a worthy successor of Judge Hundley in Buckingham and the just man needs hate no fear at the bar over which Judge Gordon presides. We have known him for 25 years.

The country will breathe easier. The chairmanship of the Congressional committee has been settled. To a few folks, correspondents and some others, it seems to be a matter of momentous concern. To the great majority of American people it is of no more interest than "last year's almanac."

We regret to know that the churches are to take part in the politics of the state—one feature at any rate—"Christ and him crucified" is the God-given charge, and any d parture from the King's commands would be dangerous. The church will suffer and the world be nothing bet ered.

That was a splendid compliment to the capacity of S. Temple Gaines for "blowing his own trumpet," when he was enjoined from using the columns of an Atlanta paper for the purpose. Printer's ink has'nt lost its power and by the way his competitive aspirants are saying ugly things of each other through the public prints. No one is worthy of public confidence if the other is to be believed. Sorry business this and also that Democra's should be experts at it

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